द्वारा जारी की गई सूचियों में से ही की जाए।

(ग) क्षेत्रीय रेलवे स्तर पर गठित की गई समितियों की पिछले वर्ष के दौरान एक-एक बैठक हुई। चुनी गई/ खरीदी गई पुस्तकों की संख्या के संबंध में सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Construction of new metre gauge railway line in the NE States

614. SHRIMATI BUOY CHAKRA-VARTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a con-structon of new metre-gauge railway lines from Assam to neighbouring States was started in 1989—91;

(b) if so, what is its length of railway lines completed so far; and

(c) what is the total expenditure involved in the construction of new railway lines from Assam to neigh bouring States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.! Work on these lines was started during the period November, 1980 and September, 1982.

(b) 180.42 kms. including Am-guri-Tuli Line expected to be completed in 1991-92.

(c) Rs. 157 crores.

Over.crowding in Delhi-Guwahati-Delhi Trains

615. SHRIMATI BUOY CHAKRA-VARTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the reserved compartments, including First Class and AC coaches, in the Delhi-Guwahati and Guwahati-Delhi trains always re-main over-crowded due to the entry of short distance passengers even in the night thus causing security risk to bortafide passengers besides causing inconvenience in their journey;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Some cases of unauthorised entry in reserve ed coaches have come, to notice.

(b) The following steps have beenl are taken to prevent entry of unauthorised passengers in reserved coaches: —

(i) Surprise ehecks and drives are conducted from time to time with the help of Government Railway Police and 'unauthorised passengers found travelling in reserved coaches are detrained and fined udner the provision of the Railways Act. Wherever the problem, of unauthorised entry of passengers in reserved coaches is acute, coordination is established with GRP to enlist their assistance to prevent the same.

(ii) Punishments are imposed oil Conductors [Coach Attendant [travelling Ticket Examiners found responsible for dereliction of duty.

(iii) Legal provision in the new Railway Act, 1989 have been made more stringent inasmuch as a fine upto Rs. 500 has been prescribed as against Rs. 20 in the previous Act.

Study on utilisation of manpower by Railway Board

616. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA' Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board has conducted a study on the optimum utilisation of manpower; aad